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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B**

**PRIOR TO ACTION**

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APPLICANT(S): ERWIN THURNER  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: P01,0041  
SERIAL NO: 09/786,388  
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INVENTION: METHOD FOR DETERMINING A GRAPHIC  
STRUCTURE OF A TECHNICAL SYSTEM AND  
ARRANGEMENT AND SET OF ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR DETERMINING A GRAPHIC STRUCTURE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced application, and request entry of the Amendment prior to examination. This amendment is cumulative with the Preliminary Amendment filed on March 2, 2001, and is submitted solely to  
15 replace the code listings with an appropriate Computer Program Listing Appendix in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.96 (c). The comments in the code listing have been translated.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

20 In the Substitute Specification, on page 1, before the Background of the Invention Section, please insert the following section:

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COMPUTER PROGRAM LISTING APPENDIX

25 [0000.5] A Computer Program Listing Appendix has been submitted with this application in duplicate CDs. The CD contains a single file called code\_listing.txt and is 44,791 bytes in length. It is compatible with the IBM PC under MS-Windows and was created on April 20, 2001.

30 [0000.8] This Computer Program Listing Appendix contains computer-program source code for an illustrative implementation of the invention. The source code is

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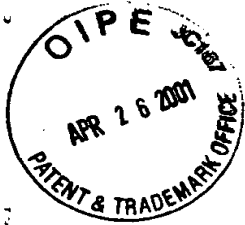
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For: **METHOD FOR DETERMINING A GRAPHIC STRUCTURE OF A TECHNICAL SYSTEM AND ARRANGEMENT AND SET OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR DETERMINING A GRAPHIC STRUCTURE**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 14	MINUS	** 20	-0-	( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 02	MINUS	** 03	-0-	( ) X 40.00 (X) X 80.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES (X) NO	( ) \$135.00 ( ) \$270.00 ONE TIME	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		NONE

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

- ☐ Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) so that the period for response is extended to \_\_\_\_\_. A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached to cover the cost of the extension.
- ☐ A check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed to cover the cost of \_\_\_\_\_ extra independent claim.
- ☐ A check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached
- ☒ Two identical compact discs labeled Copy 1 and Copy 2 with an IBM-PC format for MS-Windows, each containing the file code\_listing.txt of 44,791 bytes created on April 20, 2001 from translated code listings. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 50-1519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- When phoning regarding this application, please call (312) 258-5779

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### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on April 23, 2001.

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